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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN
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BECAUSE OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS GENERAL COMMITTEE OF
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WILL HAVE TO MAKE, WE THINK IT
IMPORTANT THAT US HAVE REPRESENTATIVE ON THAT COMMITTEE.
THIS COULD BE DONE BY HAVING US GET A VICE CHAIRMAN POST
OR BY HAVING US CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE. WE PREFER
LATTER ROUTE, ESPECIALLY SINCE USDEL INCLUDES EXCELLENTLY
QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL THIS POST. WE REQUEST BERN TO
INFORM GOS AND GENEVA TO INFORM ICRC THAT US HAS CANDIDATE
FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE, PROFESSOR RICHARD
R. BAXTER, OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. BAXTER IS PROMINENT
AUTHORITY IN FIELD AND WE CONSIDER THERE IS CHANCE THAT
CONFERENCE WILL AGREE TO SELECTION OF BAXTER, WHO WAS
CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF COMMISSION II AT
1972 MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS, IF HIS NAME PROPOSED

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